

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A method for installing a pipe in a borehole, wherein the borehole is comprised of a proximal borehole end and a distal borehole end, the method comprising the following steps:

(a) advancing a running device through the borehole from the proximal borehole end toward the distal borehole end;

(b) connecting a pipe assembly with the running device from the distal borehole end, wherein the pipe assembly is comprised of:

(i) the pipe; and

(ii) a flexible sleeve surrounding the pipe;

(c) retracting the running device through the borehole toward the proximal borehole end so that the pipe assembly moves through the borehole toward the proximal borehole end; and

(d) disconnecting the pipe assembly from the running device.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the running device is comprised of a drilling assembly for drilling the borehole.

3. The method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the running device is advanced through the borehole as the borehole is drilled.

4. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pipe is comprised of a protective coating.

5. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the flexible sleeve is comprised of a continuous length of a flexible sleeve material.

6. The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the flexible sleeve material is seamless.
- 5 7. The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the flexible sleeve material is comprised of a woven material.
8. The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the flexible sleeve material is comprised of a woven polyester material.
- 10 9. The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the flexible sleeve material is comprised of a twill weave woven polyester material.
- 15 10. The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the flexible sleeve material is further comprised of a thermoplastic polyurethane material.
11. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the flexible sleeve is comprised of a length of a hose.
- 20 12. The method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the length of the hose is continuous and seamless.
13. The method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the hose is comprised of a woven polyester hose material.
- 25 14. The method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the hose is comprised of a twill weave woven polyester hose material.
15. The method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the hose is further comprised of a thermoplastic polyurethane material.
- 30 16. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the flexible sleeve is comprised of a length of an industrial hose.

17. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of coupling the pipe with the flexible sleeve in order to hold the flexible sleeve on the pipe during the step of retracting the running device through the borehole.

5 18. The method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising the step of uncoupling the pipe from the flexible sleeve after the step of retracting the running device through the borehole.

10 19. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of connecting a pull head with the pipe assembly in order to facilitate the step of connecting the pipe assembly with the running device.

15 20. The method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising the step of disconnecting the pull head from the pipe assembly after the step of retracting the running device through the borehole.

21. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of assembling the pipe assembly.

20 22. The method as claimed in claim 21 wherein the step of assembling the pipe assembly is comprised of inserting the pipe within a continuous length of the flexible sleeve.

25 23. The method as claimed in claim 22 wherein the pipe has a pipe length and wherein the flexible sleeve surrounds the pipe along substantially the entire pipe length.

24. A pipe assembly for installation in a borehole, the pipe assembly comprising:

(a) a pipe, wherein the pipe is comprised of a protective coating; and

30 (b) a flexible sleeve surrounding the pipe, wherein the flexible sleeve is comprised of a continuous length of a flexible sleeve material.

25. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 24 wherein the flexible sleeve material is seamless.

26. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 25 wherein the flexible sleeve material is comprised of a woven material.
- 5 27. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 25 wherein the flexible sleeve material is comprised of a woven polyester material.
28. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 25 wherein the flexible sleeve material is comprised of a twill weave woven polyester material.
- 10 29. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 27 wherein the flexible sleeve material is further comprised of a thermoplastic polyurethane material.
- 15 30. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 24 wherein the flexible sleeve is comprised of a length of a hose.
31. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 30 wherein the length of the hose is continuous and seamless.
- 20 32. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 31 wherein the hose is comprised of a woven polyester hose material.
33. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 31 wherein the hose is comprised of a twill weave woven polyester hose material.
- 25 34. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 32 wherein the hose is further comprised of a thermoplastic polyurethane material.
35. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 24 wherein the flexible sleeve is comprised of a length of an industrial hose.
- 30 36. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 24 wherein the pipe has a pipe length and wherein the flexible sleeve surrounds the pipe along substantially the entire pipe length.

37. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 24, further comprising a coupler for holding the flexible sleeve on the pipe.

38. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 37 wherein the coupler is located at an end of the pipe.

39. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 38 wherein the coupler is comprised of an inner member connected with the pipe and an outer member for connecting with the inner member such that the flexible sleeve is disposed between the inner member and the outer member.

40. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 39 wherein the coupler is further comprised of a plurality of fasteners for connecting the outer member with the inner member.

41. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 40 wherein the plurality of fasteners is arranged in a staggered configuration such that none of the fasteners are longitudinally aligned.

42. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 39 wherein the outer member is comprised of an inner surface for engaging the flexible sleeve and wherein the inner surface is comprised of a gripping surface for resisting movement of the flexible sleeve relative to the inner surface.

43. The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 42 wherein the gripping surface is comprised of rubber.